GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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UNUSED AIRSTRIPS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the airstrips in the country which are lying unused;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the development of such airstrips; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) There are 29 unused airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI). Details of these airports are at Annexure `A`.

(b) AAI has a plan to upgrade some of its non-operational small airports in the country subject to availability of land from State Government,free of cost and free from all encumbrances, either through its own resources or with participation of the State Governments through signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). In case of North-East States, these airports are proposed to be developed with Government funding.

(c) Details are at Annexure `B`.